

1. Attendance and Apologies

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Paul Worth
Cr Keith Johnson
Cr Ben Smith (Chairman)
Les Wiles - Alstonville Lions Club
Jane Gardiner - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Eoin Johnston - Rous Mill Ratepayers
Bob Wilson – Far North Coast Legacy
Elva Fitzell - Alstonville Rotary Club
Ern Sandral – Alstonville Community Pre-School
Geoff Limbert - Alstonville & District Ratepayers' Association
Allan Hart – Rotary Club, Ballina on Richmond
Pat Carney - Wardell Progress Association
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society
Ron Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association

Staff in Attendance

Rod Willis

Observer

Effie Ablett

Apologies

Sheila Aveling - Tintenbar School of Arts
Richard Lutze – Combined Services Club
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville & District Cricket Association
Lois Wright – Plateau Seniors
Bob Cooper - Far North Coast Legacy and Plateau Seniors Network

The apologies were accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes 11 July 2013

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 July 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. Business arising from Minutes – 11 July 2013

(a) Elizabeth Ann Brown Park

The report presented in the agenda was noted.

The Committee requested that costings be provided to the next meeting for the pathway and cenotaph replacement in accordance with the amended Masterplan for the park.

(b) Ospreys nesting at Wardell

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(c) Heavy Vehicle Signage on Rous Mill Road

The advice that signs had been ordered and will be installed was noted.

(d) Banner Poles – Alstonville

The report presented in the agenda that the poles could not be retro-fitted to make banner installation easier was noted. The Committee expressed concern that the cost of banner installation involving traffic management and other WHS overheads may make the use of banners not viable for local groups and events.

(e) Alstonville Bypass Maintenance

The report presented in the agenda was noted.

(f) Weed Spraying

The report presented in the agenda was noted.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of Council documents which have recently been exhibited for public comment was noted.

8. Items raised by members of the Committee

Jane Gardiner – Planning Proposal BSCPP 12/002 – Robb Street, Alstonville

Jane Gardiner was concerned that rezoning of part of the buffer is of substantial local significance and had not been raised at "C" Ward meetings by local Councillors.

Discussion ensued on the process and procedures of the planning system and Council and the local significance and merits of the case.

Rod Willis advised the Committee that matters that the Council places on exhibition are listed in the Ward Committee agendas and on its website.

The Committee requested that a report be provided on compliance issues relating to the Duraplas sites and the "illegal" storage of tanks on the land since 2004 and/or 2009.

9. General Business

(a) Les Wiles – Ballina Cup Day

Les enquired about Ballina Cup Day and sought that, in future it be moved to a normal week day due to Fridays being the busiest trade days for many businesses.

Les was also concerned that liquor licensing restrictions may be applied by the local liquor accord on all hotels in the shire on future race days and that this would be unfair for hotels outside the immediate Ballina township.

(b) Pat Carney – Dual Occupancy Provisions for Rural Lands

Pat asked if Lismore City Council is successful in obtaining detached dual occupancy provisions for rural lands, that Ballina Council review its position with an aim of adopting similar provisions.

(c) Eoin Johnston – Graffiti along Alstonville Bypass

Eoin asked whether or not the vandals who had undertaken the most recent graffiti along the Bypass had been identified and if so, what action had been taken against them.

(d) Elva Fitzell – National Anti-Graffiti Day

Elva advised that Rotary will be shortly instigating a national anti-graffiti day and the local community may wish to participate in this.

(e) Invitation to Police

The Committee would like to invite the local Police to the next meeting to discuss graffiti in the area and to obtain an update on policing.

10. Next Meeting

Thursday 14 November– 5.00 pm

MEETING CLOSURE

7.40 pm